

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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A¹ [0001] The present invention relates generally to a method and device for combining folios between a first and a second web in a rotary printing press and specifically to a method and device in which a third web in the press is cut into at least first and second folios, the folios are stored and positioned between the first and second webs. The present invention also relates to a web product having first and second folios in a stacked relationship to one another and sandwiched between two webs.

A² [0010] The present invention also provides a device for combining folios between first and second webs in a rotary printing press. The device includes a cutting cylinder configured to cut a first folio from a third web, a storing device in operative connection with the cutting cylinder configured store the first folio, and a positioning device adjacent the storing device. The positioning device is configured to transfer the stored first folio from the storing device to a position between the first and second webs. The cutting cylinder may be further configured to cut a second folio from the third web and the storing device may include a precollect cylinder configured to store the first and second folios in a stacked relationship. The positioning device may be configured to transfer the stacked first and second folios simultaneously. The precollect cylinder may have a circumference that is three times a length of the first folio, which may be equal to one-half a circumference of a print cylinder of the rotary printer. The print cylinder, in turn, may include a printing plate with at least two folio images arranged adjacent to one another so as to ~~two~~ print two folios per cylinder revolution.

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A³ [0019.1] Fig. 4 shows a schematic side view of a device according to the present invention with four webs.

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[0028] When the stacked pair of folios reaches point z again, the stacked first and second folios A3 and A2 are diverted from the precollect cylinder 14 by stripper 16 5 (part of positioning device 13). The pair of stacked folios A3 and A2 are married to web 2 at point y with the aid of belts 17 that are mounted around rollers 18, 19, and 20 and traveling at a same speed as web 2. The pair of folios A3 and A2 are aligned with folio image A4 on web 2. The pair of folios may again be pinned together with web 2, this time on the pin lead cylinder 21 where they are advanced to position x. At point x, the two folios and the web 2 are married with web 1 (containing folio images A1, B1) in alignment with folio image A1. After point x web product 22 includes the pair of folios A3 and A2 sandwiched between web 1 and web 2 so that stacked folios A3 and A2 align with folio image A1 on web 1 and folio image A4 on web 2.

[0029] Fig. 2 shows only one embodiment of the invention, yet there can be many variations within the scope of the invention. For example, several webs may be run together through the path of web 3, as shown by web 33 in Fig. 4. In this way several stacked pairs of folios may be precollected and inserted between webs 2 and 3. Of course there may be additional webs run together in addition to webs 1 and 2, and web product 22 may include more than the webs 1 and 2 that sandwich the folios between them. The positioning device may include an acceleration device instead of, or in addition to belts 17 running at constant speed. Web 2 may run at a slower speed, for example one-half the speed of webs 1 and 2, and the cut folios may be accelerated to the speed of webs 1 and 2 after being cut. In this way, the positioning device 13 positions one folio at a time between webs 1 and 2 as opposed to stacked folio pairs.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for combining folios between a first and a second web in a rotary printing press, the method comprising:

cutting a first folio from a third web in the rotary press;

storing the first folio on a storage device; and